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SPOTLIGHT: PRESIDENT SANG OF VIETNAM VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES

1. "Kerry and Vietnamese President Before Lunch"

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Secretary of State John Kerry and Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang speak on U.S.-Vietnam relations at a working lunch in Washington.

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2. "U.S. Welcomes Greater Cooperation with Vietnam"

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Secretary of State John Kerry welcomes Vietnam's President Truong Tan Sang to the United States with a luncheon at the State Department.

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3. "Vietnam's President Hears Praise for Country's Economic Progress"

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Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang and U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker had the opportunity to share ideas July 24 in Washington as part of Sang's visit to the United States.

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4. "Obama, Vietnamese President After Their Meeting"

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President Obama and Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang discuss U.S.-Vietnam relations,

multilateral work on disaster relief and scientific and educational exchanges.

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5. "Joint Statement by Obama, Vietnamese President Sang"

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The White House releases a joint statement from President Obama and Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang on U.S.-Vietnam relations and the U.S.-Vietnam comprehensive partnership.

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6. "U.S.-Vietnam Relations Grow in Trust, Mutual Respect"

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After his first bilateral meeting with Vietnam President Truong Tan Sang, President Obama says that trust and mutual respect between the two nations has grown to the extent that a comprehensive partnership is possible on a range of issues.

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U.S. INTERESTS IN ASIA

7. "Rebalancing to Asia with an Insecure China"

[Ely Ratner](#). *The Washington Quarterly*, Spring 2013, 18 pages.

The author, Deputy Director of the Asia-Pacific Security Program at the Center for a New American Security, discusses the U.S. renewed commitment to Asia under President Obama's second term and China's heightened concerns which would affect the bilateral relationship. Policy recommendations to ensure the U.S. advance in its interests in Asia are provided.

8. "Getting Back on Track: China, the United States, and Asia-Pacific Security"

Roger Irvine. *American Foreign Policy Interests*, May-June 2013, 11 pages.

The author analyzes the prospects for managing the new era of competition, and for getting a renewed emphasis on cooperation between China and the United States back on track.

WORLD AFFAIRS

9. "The Enduring Power of Isolationism: An Historical Perspective"

[Christopher McKnight Nichols](#). *Orbis*, June 2013, 18 pages.

Are Americans becoming more "isolationist"? The author, an assistant professor of History at Oregon State University, discusses isolationism and internationalism over the past 130 years, focusing on the long historical context of the recent events to argue for the enduring power and significance of isolationist thought.

10. "Policy Perspectives on National Security and Foreign Policy Decision Making"

[Steven B. Redd](#) and [Alex Mintz](#). *Policy Studies Journal*, April 2013 Supplement, 26 pages.
How do leaders actually make foreign policy and national security decisions? Which decision rules do they utilize in making decisions? The authors examine major decision-making models with an emphasis on basic theoretical perspectives as well as on how these models explain foreign policy decision making and national and international security decisions.

11. "Armies and Revolutions"

[Zoltan Barany](#). *Journal of Democracy*, April 2013, 15 pages.

What are the keys to making accurate predictions about what the soldiers will do when the fate of a regime hangs in the balance? What determines whether they support the old regime, back the rebels, split their support between the two, or try to stay on the sidelines? The author, Frank C. Erwin, Jr. Centennial Professor of Government at the University of Texas, analyzes the factors that shape militaries' responses to revolutions.

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

12. "Signature of Ocean Warming in Global Fisheries Catch"

[William W. L. Cheung](#), et al. *Nature*, May 16, 2013, 4 pages.

The authors examine the impact of climate change on marine fisheries, focusing on the need to develop adaptation plans to minimize the effect of such warming on the economy and food security of coastal communities, particularly in tropical regions.

13. "Our Fertilized World"

[Dan Charles](#). *National Geographic*, May 2013, 18 pages.

As a hungry world looks ahead to billions more mouths in need of nitrogen-rich protein, how much clean water and air will survive the demand for fertile fields? The author, NPR's food and agriculture correspondent, discusses the nitrogen's role in agriculture and the impact of agricultural fertilizer runoff on the environment, focusing on how to grow sufficient food sources by using less chemicals.

14. "The Nitrogen Underground"

[Susan Moran](#). *Discover*, July/August 2013, 3 pages.

The author, a Colorado-based journalist covering agriculture, energy and climate science, examines nitrogen in ecological systems and the problem of water pollution from nitrogen-based agricultural fertilizers, and discusses the path of nitrates from fertilizer through soil layers and relates it to the nitrogen-fixing properties of various crops.

BUSINESS AND TRADE

15. "The Real Story Behind Executive Pay"

[Steven N. Kaplan](#). *Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2013, 7 pages.

The author, Neubauer Family Distinguished Service Professor of Entrepreneurship and Finance at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, discusses economic inequality in the United States, focusing on the perceived increase of executive compensation disproportionate to salary increases of employees.

16. "Creating the Best Workplace on Earth"

[Rob Goffee](#) and [Gareth Jones](#). *Harvard Business Review*, May 2013, 9 pages.

Suppose you want to design the best company on earth to work for. What would it be like? The authors investigate this question and identify the six most essential imperatives for creating the most productive and rewarding working environment possible.

17. "Asia's Story of Growing Economic Freedom"

[Razeen Sally](#). *Policy Analysis No. 725*, June 5, 2013, 12 pages.

The global financial crisis reinforced a sense that the world is "shifting East"— to Asia. Economic freedom, however, remains substantially repressed across the region. The author, an adjunct scholar at the Cato Institute, discusses three key policy challenges to expand economic freedom in Asia today, and offers multiple solutions.

GLOBAL HEALTH

18. "Happy Microbes, Skinny Jeans"

[Moises Velasquez-Manoff](#). *Mother Jones*, July/August 2013, 7 pages.

The trillions of bacteria inside you could be the key to everything from defeating allergies to losing weight. The author of *An Epidemic of Absence: A New Way of Understanding Allergies and Autoimmune Diseases* examines the relationship between microbes and digestion, focusing on how to prevent obesity in children.

19. "Big Data from Cheap Phones"

[David Talbot](#). *Technology Review*, May/June 2013, 5 pages.

The author, a MIT *Technology Review*'s chief correspondent, discusses the detection of the epidemiological origin of diseases using cell phone transmission, and disease control and prevention efforts based on mobility data of population movement.

U.S. POLITICS

20. "The Effects of Political Institutions on Women's Political Representation: A Comparative Analysis of 168 Countries from 1992 to 2010"

[Jennifer Rosen](#). *Political Research Quarterly*, June 2013, 16 pages.

The author, a Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, researcher, examines cross-national variations in women's political representation, and how the causal processes of particular political institutions vary across countries depending on their level of socioeconomic development.

21. "Obama's Last Gasp at a Legacy"

[Matt Welch](#). *Reason*, July 2013, 2 pages.

The author, Editor-in-Chief of *Reason* magazine, compares Barack Obama's second-term as the president of the United States, with the circumstances of previous U.S. Presidents who have served for second terms, including Bill Clinton, Richard Nixon, and Ronald Reagan.

EDUCATION

22. "Evaluating Quality in Digital Reading"

[Sean Cavanagh](#). *Education Week*, May 22, 2013, 3 pages.

The author, an assistant editor for Education Week, discusses how educators must determine the educational value of resources such as digital games and application software (apps) that are marketed as tools for improving early literacy skills. Several apps, games, and technology platforms marketed as educational resources, with evaluations provided by the website Common Sense Media, are discussed.

23. "Diverse Students Go Digital"

[Shawn Francis Peters](#). *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, June 14, 2013, 3 pages.

The author, a lecturer in the Integrated Liberal Studies Program at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, discusses the use of digital technology to engage and educate students from diverse social and culture backgrounds in U.S. colleges, and explores how his use of online videos and social media has engaged his students.

24. "College Classroom Humor: Even the Pundits Can Benefit"

[Alan Seidman](#) and [Stephen C. Brown](#). *Education*, Spring 2013, 3 pages.

The authors discuss the positive impact of humor on the student learning experience, and provide techniques that all educators can use to liven up their classroom and improve their evaluations.

25. "Welcome to the Connected Age"

[Susan Grajek](#). *Educause Review*, May/June 2013, 20 pages.

The author, *EDUCAUSE* Vice President for Data, Research, and Analytics, explores the top information technology issues in higher education institutions for 2013, and discusses the importance of developing a sustainable strategy for the role of online learning.